



**Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma
Board Meeting
Stewart Heights Park – Splash Room – 402 East 56th Street**

Meeting Minutes for 2/19/08

I. Call to Order - meeting started at 6:30 pm. The January board meeting minutes and February Executive meeting minutes were adopted as written.

Attendees: Catherine Ushka-Hall, Jesse Hart, Moya Joubert, William Weatherby, Becki Jenkins, Lynnette Scheidt, Natalie Dam, Nancy Davis, Becky Fontaine, Jim Jones, Bill Mattox, Roxanne Murphy, and Kimberlie Lelli.

Liaisons: Christian Clegg, Lee Britt, Lt. Kathy McAlpine, Agee Anderson, and Elton Gatewood.

II. Reports

Neighborhood Advisor Report was given by Elton Gatewood. He said he signed the contract to provide funding for the Eastside Neighborhood Council. He also provided Innovative Grant handouts (giving the place and times for upcoming workshops) and handouts on TPD station art.

Fire Department Report was given by Lee Britt. The FD Strategic Plan is available for review and can be found on line. In addition, there were just over 3000 calls for the month of January. He passed out 2 handouts – one on smoking safety and the other on emergency phone numbers.

Police report was given by Lt McAlpine. She discussed the McKinley anti -crime march and that numerous warrants had been served recently on the Eastside resulting in several arrests and evictions.

City Liaison Report was given by Christian Clegg. Christian gave an update on Rogers School – the CUP continues to move forward even though ownership has changed. He also discussed the noise ordinance and economic development downtown (citizens can provide input on-line at cityoftacoma.org/downtownstrategy).

II. Presentations

1. Paint Tacoma Beautiful – low income seniors and the disabled can have their homes painted for free by this organization (free paint and labor) depending on their income. Applications were handed out with a deadline of April 15th. The information was also published in Senior Scene.
2. Hillsdale update – Michael Mirra, Janet Rice, and Steve Clair. THA closed on the property last April, there will be a total of 110 units (60 rentals and 50 for sale town homes), a design/build team has been chosen, and the construction should be completed by November 2009. The homes will be modular homes which eliminates the need to keep lots of building materials on site. They also gave a Salishan update and discussed the Neighborhood Core. This presentation led to a discussion of the Eastside being negatively represented in the press so Nancy Davis made a motion (Bill Weatherby seconded) that the Eastside Neighborhood Council will write a letter to the editor of the TNT in response to negativity from the press concerning the Eastside. The motion passed.

3. Fred Wist of the City of Tacoma prosecutors' office discussed graffiti issues. Tagging is considered a gross misdemeanor and misdemeanors go to a program called Diversion. Even if the taggers are not caught in the act, the police are collecting evidence against them and the prosecutors office will prosecute based on circumstantial evidence.
4. Lt. McAlpine discussed the old police substation on McKinley. The police will move out in November 2009 and Animal Control will remain in the building. The building needs a lot of work and belongs to the city. Christian Clegg may be able to find out more information on the building.

III. Citizen Forum

- Doug Tooley talked about a bike trail proposal for the Eastside – he will send out an e-mail with more information.
- Page Wilson discussed the Mentor 253 program and she may come back in March to make a presentation at the board meeting.

IV. Old Business

1. The Eastside Neighborhood Council Board retreat will be March 3rd, 2008 at Stewart Heights from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.
2. Representative Steve Conway is on the March agenda to discuss the FairShare legislation.
3. Update on CTED and an ad hoc committee (Catherine, Bill Mattox, Kimberlie, and Moya) has been created to take a closer look at convict releases on the Eastside. We are looking for something in writing that will make convict releases more fair as far as geographical placement.

V. New Business

1. Elections – Vice-president had one nomination: Kimberlie Lelli, the treasurer had one nomination: Becky Fontaine; and the Sergeant at Arms had one nomination: Bill Weatherby. All of the nominations were willing to accept the positions therefore a motion was made (Bill Weatherby motioned and Jesse Hart 2nd) and passed to accept the nominations as presented. There were two nominations for Secretary: Lynnette Scheidt and Moya Joubert. Lynnette was not willing to accept the nomination for Secretary (nor was any other board member) therefore a motion was made (Bill Weatherby motioned and Bill Mattox 2nd) and passed to accept Moya as the Secretary.
2. Innovative Grant applications were already handed out.
3. Incubator Phase II Plan and request for council to review plan in Economic Development committee - Catherine will e-mail out to everyone for review.
4. Crime issues and Neighborhood Council support – police department wish list that community activists may help attain. Catherine will e-mail out information.
5. Mayor's intern has requested that we provide Eastside's top five needs and concerns. These concerns will be discussed at the retreat.
6. COT Neighborhoods and Housing Committee requests overview, input, and update on neighborhood issues. This will be discussed at the retreat.

VI. Good of the Order

- Roxanne – New teriyaki eating establishment at 38th and McKinley with really good food.
- Kimberlie says that we may have the AIA by this summer.
- Nancy brought to our attention that we have no committee for the retreat. A motion was made (Catherine motioned and Nancy 2nd) and passed that \$250 of the Eastside Neighborhood Council budget would be spent on food for the retreat. Nancy and Becky volunteered to help with the food and we decided that we would purchase from the new teriyaki place that Roxanne brought to our attention. Also a motion was made (Nancy motioned and Catherine 2nd) and passed that a retreat planning committee consisting of Catherine, Jesse, and Kimberlie meet with Sally prior to the retreat and make notebooks.
- Jane Dudley was appointed as a new board member by Jesse.

VII. Adjournment - 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Moya Joubert – Eastside Neighborhood Council Secretary